

JOE WARDY  
MAYOR



**CITY COUNCIL**

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DISTRICT NO. 8

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
AUGUST 25, 2003  
9:00 A.M.

The City Council met at the above place and date at approximately 9:13 a.m. Mayor Joe Wardy present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Susan Austin, John F. Cook, Vivian Rojas, and Anthony Cobos. Late arrival: Jose Alexandro Lozano. Absent: Robert A. Cushing, Jr., Daniel S. Power, and Paul J. Escobar.

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The agenda was to discuss with the Mayor the following:

Any matters posted for Tuesday's Regular Council Meeting of August 26, 2003.

No action is to be taken at these meetings, which are solely to facilitate open communication between the Mayor and Council.

In the event any item requires discussion in Executive Session, such discussion will be conducted in accordance with the procedures established by the Open Meetings law.

Mayor Joe Wardy explained or commented on the following:

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City Council Agenda Item 6:

**REINSTATEMENT(S):** Request for name(s) to be placed on Reinstatement List in accordance with Article VI, Section 6.10.10, of the Civil Service Charter Provisions:

- 6A.** Stokes, Christina, Personnel Payroll Coordinator  
[Human Resources, Terry A. Bond, (915) 541-4509]
- 6B.** Hernandez, Leticia, Clerk Typist II  
[Municipal Clerk, Richarda Duffy Momsen, (915) 541-4127]
- 6C.** Fonseca, Armando, Police Sergeant  
[Police Department, Cliff Walsh, (915) 564-7309]

Ms. Linda Thomas, Assistant Director of Human Resources, provided an explanation.

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City Council Agenda Item 7:

Request from Richard E. Campbell of the Street Department for Special Sick Leave.  
[Human Resources, Terry A. Bond, (915) 541-4509]

Ms. Linda Thomas, Assistant Director of Human Resources, provided an explanation.

City Council Agenda item 21:

Presentation of the preliminary report findings by Moffatt & Nichol Engineers regarding the project feasibility and implementation plan for the El Paso Regional Intermodal Rail Project; and Discussion and Action on next steps of the project. [Building & Planning Services, Patricia D. Aauto, (915) 541-4193]

- Mayor Wardy explained the length of time the presentation will take tomorrow and asked for Council's patience due to the importance of the topic.
- Representative Cobos observed that when the study was approved, Council was told that we had a good chance of getting the cost reimbursed from the Federal Government, and asked for an update on that reimbursement.
- Ms. Patricia Aauto, Deputy CAO for Building and Planning Services, explained that all indications from the Federal Government have been favorable, but that word has come down that the Federal Government is unlikely to rule on this during the coming year.
- Mayor Wardy stated he would address the reimbursement issue with Congressman Silvestre Reyes.

City Council Agenda items 22 and 23:

Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for the City of El Paso for the Fiscal Year 2003-2004.  
[Financial and Administrative Services, Mr. William Chapman, (915) 564-4011]; and

Resolution that the Proposed Budget for the City of El Paso, filed by the Mayor with the City Clerk on July 9, 2003, is hereby approved and adopted by the City Council, as amended, as the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 for the City of El Paso.  
[Financial and Administrative Services, Mr. William Chapman, (915) 564-4011]

Mr. Bill Chapman, Deputy CAO of Financial and Administrative Services/Chief Financial Officer explained the latest changes to points 29 and 43 of the Proposed Budget for the City of El Paso for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 and answered the questions of Representative Austin.

City Council Agenda items 27G and 27H:

An Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of \$95,000,000 City of El Paso, Texas, Water and Sewer Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2003; approving an Escrow Agreement; approving an Official Statement; and enacting provisions related thereto.  
[El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board, Ed Archuleta, (915) 594-5501]; and

An Ordinance providing for the issuance of City of El Paso, Texas, Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2003A, in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,000,000, for the purpose of improving and extending the City's Water and Sewer system and paying the costs related to the issuance of the Bonds, and enacting provisions incident and related thereto.  
[El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board, Ed Archuleta, (915) 594-5501]

- Representatives Cook and Cobos explained language changes they would like to see made prior to issuing the bonds.

- Representative Austin asked Representatives Cook and Cobos to specify the exact language that would be added.
- Mr. Jim Martinez, Chief Administrative Officer, and Mr. Bill Chapman, Deputy CAO of Financial and Administrative Services/Chief Financial Officer explained timing issues and attendant interest costs which would accrue if there were to be a delay in Council's action on the bonds.
- Ms. Josette Flores, the City's outside legal counsel, commented.

No other comments were forthcoming from the Mayor.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Anthony Cobos, seconded by Representative Cook and unanimously carried to adjourn this meeting at approximately 9:55 a.m.

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk

  
Lisa A. Elizondo, City Attorney